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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 23-page patent specification with 22 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1a-1g on 4 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet; and
- (5) Submission of Priority Document. Applicants hereby claim, through their attorney of record, priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 and/or § 365 of German Patent Application No. 103 26 273.3, filed June 11, 2003.

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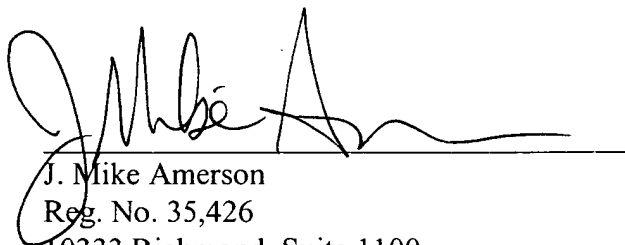
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Total Claims	22 - 20	= 2	x \$9 = \$	or x \$18 = \$ 36.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)			+ \$145 = \$	or + \$290 = \$ 0.00
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